

"Hurray for Hollywood" Theme Planned for Writing Competition at SWOSU-Sayre

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SWOSU-Sayre will host the 14th annual Timed Writing and Research Project (WARP) contest on February 26 and entries from high school juniors is now being accepted for the competition that has a "Hurray for Hollywood" theme.

Activities are also planned for teachers.

Judy Haught, language and literature instructor at SWOSU-Sayre, said students will compete for SWOSU-Sayre scholarships. The event allows the participating students to receive valuable feedback on their research and writing skills. The Hollywood theme will be personified by the students viewing a short film then having to research topics and write a paper based on that film.

The students have a full agenda of workshops, research and writing time before submitting their entry for judgment. The event begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 2 p.m.

In conjunction with the student event, SWOSU staff will offer valuable resources for visiting teachers:

- Terry Ford & Judy Haught (English) –articles and materials about teaching trends and practices about bringing Hollywood into their classes will be available
- April Miller (Librarian) – two programs for English teachers – the first a discussion on incorporating nonfiction into the classroom and also a workshop on using film to promote critical thinking and teach core skills

There will be a complimentary lunch provided along with fun and games where prizes are awarded.

"This is a great full day of fun and activity built around a serious writing competition for high school students," Haught said.

Students and teachers who are interested are urged to contact Haught at SWOSU-Sayre – 580.28-5533, extension 159, or email judy.haught@swosu.edu.